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Meeting Minutes
Rural Technical Committee
Thursday June 25, 2023
In-Person/Zoom Meeting

Members Present:

Mark Hoeweler, WRCOG
Stacey Johnson, SCDOT
Lyle Lee, SCDOT
Jessica Hucks, City of Conway
Clay Young, City of Loris
Mayor Brown, Town of Stuckey
Randy Plummer, Horry County
Andy Markunas (Ashley Proxy), Horry County
Holly Richardson, Georgetown County
Ray Funnye, Georgetown County

Members Absent:

Mauretta Dorsey, Town of Andrews
Keonta Moore, Williamsburg County
John Gardner, Town of Aynor
Carlether Nesmith, Town of Greeleyville
Sandra Mouzon, Town of Lane
Andre Dorsey, WCT Transit
Kevin Parks, Coast RTA
Alvin Chambers, Town of Kingstree
Joey Skipper, SCDOT
John Collins, Town of Hemingway
Zella Major, Williamsburg County

Other Attendees:

Marla Watson, SCDOT
Shamika Peterson, SCDOT
Elizabeth Tucker, WRCOG
Sarah Smith, WRCOG
Kerri Kellahan, WRCOG
Roxanne Ancheta, SCDOT TAP Office

Welcome and Introductions - Ms. Tucker welcomed the committee members and noted eight (8) was required for a quorum.

Meeting Summary - Ms. Tucker presented the March 8, 2023, meeting summary. No corrections were made.

Projects Update

Mr. Johnson from SCDOT gave a projects update:

- **SC 41, Big Dam Swamp (Georgetown)** – Scheduling VFR for the end of July.
- **US52 at Eastland** (Williamsburg County) – Scheduling VFR for the end of July.



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- **Easler/Holliman/OGR** – Working on conceptual to present to Greeleyville.

Rural Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP)

Ms. Tucker presented the FY2023-2032 Rural TIP. The Rural TIP is the program of capital projects in the rural area. SCDOT Planning Office has requested the TIP reflect a 10-year period as opposed to the current 7-year program to be in line with the STIP. The draft will be put out for a twenty-one (21) day public comment period prior to being presented to the WRCOG Board of Directors for adoption.

The Rural TIP spreadsheet had non-Guideshare project corrections from SCDOT regarding programming years.

Stacey Johnson from SCDOT asked for the Guideshare project in Conway project at Janette and US 701 be moved to FY2028 with the balance of \$500,000 (\$50,000 ROW and \$450,000 Construction). The initial project was identified in 2011, however, the construction of Conway Perimeter could impact the scope of the project. The project will have further discussion and be reanalyzed for scope and cost estimates. Mr. Johnson asked Jessica Hucks from Conway if they agreed with that action. Ms. Hucks concurred.

Ms. Tucker clarified the motion for this action item is **to recommend approval of the 10-Year Rural TIP including moving the Conway Project at Janette and US701 to fiscal year 2028.**

Motion to approve made by Stacey Johnson

2nd made by Ray Funnye

Motion carried unanimously.

SCDOT TAP

Roxanne Ancheta from the SCDOT TAP Office presented the recent changes to TAP.

Must be for projects providing nonmotorized transportation routes. Recreational trails are not eligible for TAP, however, SCPRT funding may be available for those projects.

Projects must be a minimum of \$500,000 as opposed to the previous maximum of \$400,000. A match is required; however, qualifying Tier 3 and 4 communities may receive assistance with the match.

The call for the next LOI will be in September with an October deadline and anticipated award in March.



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Ms. Tucker asked if a jurisdiction currently has an application in the spring round, can they apply for the fall round. Ms. Anchetta clarified that each jurisdiction can apply for one project each round and that project must be 50% complete before applying in the next round.

Mr. Funnyc asked why Horry County is a Tier 3 and Georgetown County is a Tier 2. Ms. Anchetta said it was based on SCDOR rankings.

Ms. Kellahan asked when current applicants will be notified if they can go to the next step in the process. Ms. Anchetta said it would be within the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Tucker will send the presentation to RTC members.

Next Meeting – The next scheduled RTC meeting is September 13, 2023.

Other Business – Ms. Tucker asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Adjourn – Ms. Tucker asked the committee if there were any questions or issues anyone would like to address. Receiving no questions or comments, the meeting was adjourned.